

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph spanning pages 4-5 between page 4, line 26, and page 5, line 3 of the specification with the following:

FIG. 1 illustrates a potential use of this collection of watermarked segments 110 and the determined mapping 120 of each segment to a watermark value in an unauthorized copying system 100 that is configured to overcome a copy protection scheme based on watermarks. Copending U.S. patent application "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OVERCOMING A WATERMARK SECURITY SYSTEM", serial number 10/024,773, filed December 20, 2001, for Michael A. Epstein, Attorney Docket US010675, discloses a technique for overcoming the aforementioned watermark-based copy protection scheme, and is incorporated by reference herein.

Replace the paragraph spanning pages 8-9 between page 8, line 28, and page 9, line 12 of the specification with the following:

FIG. 4 illustrates an example block diagram of a security system 400 that includes a decoder 410 that is configured to decode variable sized watermarks. Preferably, the decoder 410 is a

conventional watermark decoder, corresponding to the watermark encoder, that is configured to also report the information content 411 associated with the watermark, as well as the size ~~411~~412 of the information item, or of the segment, associated with the watermark. The authorization device 420 is configured to verify the watermarked segment, based on both the information content 411 of the decoded watermark, as well as the size 412 of the watermark or segment. The size 412 of the watermark or segment is verified via a comparison with an authorized size 401, corresponding to the encoded size of the original watermark or segment. If the watermark information 411 and size 412 are verified, the content material 415 is communicated to the renderer 170, as authorized content material 425. As is common in the art, if there is a substantial delay in determining the authorization, the authorization device 420 may be configured to provide the content material 415 initially as "as-yet-not-unauthorized" content material 425, and then terminate the transmission if the watermark information 411 and 412 are determined to be incorrect.